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McMahon reported that because of deteriorating conditions for U.S. citizens in El Salvador, the U.S. Embassy plans to reduce its personnel by 45 to 50 percent. []

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McMahon noted that thanks to Lapham's excellent efforts, the [] case has been completed. []

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Taylor advised that his staff was preparing Mr. Carlucci's testimony for his 28 February briefing of the HPSCI. He added that a reserve release has been obtained [] and after much work, a unified internal position has been developed for trying to obtain a reserve release for [] [] OMB will be briefed on the latter. []

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Taylor said that in place of the cancelled 26 February Comptroller's meeting on personnel ceilings, he will forward the Director a paper on the same dispelling rumors of forthcoming personnel reductions. []

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Barry Kelly joined the meeting briefly and read a report on the status of current plans for evacuating personnel from []

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Hetu read the transcript of the 22 February Rowan/Baker interview obtained at the request of the Director. Senator Baker alleged that the Agency was negligent in its security plans for the U.S. Embassy in Iran, but he did not make any specific references to [] []

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Hetu advised that NBC is planning a one-hour special on anti-CIA organizations and has requested some assistance. McMahon said that he would work with Hetu on this. The Director said he thought this program was a positive development. []

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Bowie reported that the House Armed Services Committee has asked for a briefing based on [] paper and viewgraphs. Noting that previous briefings given by [] included his own interpretation of events that differed from the Agency's view, Bowie recommended against providing such a briefing. Hitz suggested that the viewgraphs and outline of [] paper should be shown to the Committee to assure them that they have not been destroyed. He emphasized, however, the need to protect the sources and methods of [] long paper. Hitz said that he would review the situation with the appropriate staff member. The Director suggested it might be helpful if Hitz could point out where [] and the Agency disagree. []

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Alluding to Mr. Carlucci's HPSCI hearing on 28 February, Hitz said that he would review the transcripts of the Director's and Koehler's earlier testimony for questions that are likely to resurface next week. Noting that the House Appropriations Committee had requested and received political reporting on Iran during the past year, Hitz said that Mr. Carlucci and the Director should expect specific questions on Iran, particularly during the Director's 1300 27 February session with the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee. The Director said that in light of the questions directed towards him during the recent "Issues and Answers" program, he wanted to be sure to be well prepared. (Action: NFAC)

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